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# **News Release**

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## City of Durham Announces Downtown BID Renewal Meeting

Downtown Residents & Property Owners Invited to Provide Input on Current & Future

Needs

What: Public Input Sought for Downtown Durham Business Improvement District (BID)

Renewal Recommendation

Who: City of Durham Office of Economic and Workforce Development

**When:** Tuesday, April 26, 2016, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Where: City Hall Council Chambers

101 City Hall Plaza, First Floor

Durham, N.C. 27701

### **Fast Facts:**

- The City of Durham is seeking input from residents and property owners in the Downtown Durham Business Improvement District (BID) regarding the current and future needs of this district.
- The City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development plans to bring a BID renewal recommendation to City Council for consideration during a formal public hearing in late fiscal year 2016. This public meeting next week is being held in advance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) that will be issued next month for BID oversight so that public input can be evaluated and included into the RFP.

- Enhanced municipal services currently provided by the BID include: clean and safe services, economic development, marketing, and event management. These services are funded through a 7-cent property tax allocation that is only assessed to properties inside the district.
- For additional information contact Senior Economic Development Coordinator Reginald W.
   Jones with the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development at (919) 560-4965,
   extension 15207 or by email.

### About the City of Durham Office of Economic and Workforce Development

Guided by the City's <u>Strategic Plan</u>, the <u>Office of Economic and Workforce Development</u> helps ensure that Durham has a strong and diverse economy by increasing the city's tax base through several revitalization initiatives, including new development efforts in the central city area. The department also plans and promotes cultural awareness and events, identifies and recruits target industries as well as assesses and trains Durham residents to fill new jobs.

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